

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2924
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2000
LOW OUTPUT OF OIL FIELDS
BHUWAN CHANDRA AVSM (RETD.) KHANDURI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rate of drilling of oil from our existing oil fields is very low in comparison to most of the oil fields of advanced countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the drilling rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): The rate of drilling (penetration) of a well depends upon factors like geological conditions, depth of drilling, the drilling technology and equipment deployed. The drilling rate is generally better in geologically familiar areas (known-development areas) than for new or unfamiliar areas (unknown - wild cat/exploratory areas). As the conditions vary from place to place, no such comparisons are feasible.

(c): In order to improve the drilling rate, efforts are made to continuously upgrade the technologies and improve operational techniques.